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68/2. Extension of the intergovernmental process of the General Assembly on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 66/254 of 23 February 2012, by which it launched the intergovernmental process of the General Assembly on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system, and its resolution 66/295 of 17 September 2012, by which it extended the intergovernmental process,

Noting the participation and contributions of Member States during the intergovernmental process, as well as experts of the human rights treaty bodies, national human rights institutions, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and non-governmental organizations,

Emphasizing that strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system is a common goal shared by stakeholders who have different legal competencies in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and international human rights instruments establishing treaty bodies, and recognizing in this regard the ongoing efforts of different treaty bodies towards strengthening and enhancing their effective functioning,

1. *Decides* to extend the intergovernmental process of the General Assembly on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system until the first half of February 2014, in order to finalize the elaboration of an outcome document of the intergovernmental process;

2. *Agrees* to continue the consideration of elements for the substantive resolution, building upon, inter alia, those contained in the report of the co-facilitators on the intergovernmental process presented during the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly;[1]

3. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session to appoint two co-facilitators to continue open, transparent and inclusive negotiations;

[1] A/67/995.

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4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide, by 15 November 2013, a comprehensive and detailed cost assessment to provide background context to support the intergovernmental process, based on, but not limited to, the report of the co-facilitators.

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